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Sen. Sanborn praises court decision forcing the marriage amendment on ballot

LANSING – The following is a statement from Sen. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond Township, regarding today's State Court of Appeals decision that allows Michigan voters to decide whether to define marriage as between one man and one woman in the state Constitution:

“Despite the efforts of the Democrat members of the Board of State Canvassers, the people of Michigan will now have the opportunity to decide for themselves how marriage should be defined. Almost 9,000 people signed the petition to put this issue on the ballot in my district alone. This ruling ensures that my constituents won't be denied their constitutional right to petition for and decide ballot questions.”

The Board of State Canvassers split 2-2 along partisan lines late last month on whether to put the constitutional amendment on the November 2nd ballot. The Democrat members of the Board voted against certification of the petition signatures that would have denied the citizens their opportunity to vote on this issue.

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